

**UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF NEW YORK**

CENTER FOR BIOLOGICAL DIVERSITY,  
NATURAL RESOURCES DEFENSE  
COUNCIL, and ANIMAL WELFARE  
INSTITUTE,

Plaintiffs,

v.

NATIONAL MARINE FISHERIES SERVICE,

Defendant.

Civil Action No. 1:24-cv-02576

**AFFIDAVIT OF  
XAVIER Q. LAWRENCE**

I, Xavier Q. Lawrence, being duly sworn, depose and say under the penalty of perjury that:

1. I am an attorney for the plaintiffs Center for Biological Diversity, Natural Resources Defense Council, and Animal Welfare Institute and, as such, I am fully familiar with the facts and proceedings in this case.

2. I respectfully submit this affidavit in support of a motion for *pro hac vice* admission in order to appear, try, argue and participate in all proceedings in this case pursuant to Rule 1.3 of the Local Rules of the United States Courts for the Southern and Eastern Districts of New York.

3. I am an attorney at law, currently practicing with the law firm of Anderson & Kreiger LLP, located at 50 Milk Street, 21<sup>st</sup> Floor, Boston, Massachusetts 02109. I am a member in good standing with the bars of the states of New York, Missouri, and Massachusetts.

4. I have never been convicted of a felony, have never been censured, suspended, disbarred or denied admission or readmission by any court, am not now the subject of any disciplinary proceedings in any jurisdiction, nor have I been disciplined previously in any jurisdiction.

